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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

A telephone interview with Examiner Scott Bushey was held with the undersigned attorney on December 1, 2005. During the interview additional claim limitations were discussed which would help to better define the invention over the prior art. No written claim language was proposed and no agreement was reached regarding what language would result in an allowance of the application.

The undersigned attorney agreed to consider Examiner Bushey's remarks and file a written

response to the outstanding Office Action at a later date-

Respectfully submitted

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